3/6/80

Rec
3/21/80

Roger A. Cohen Jr.
4720 Montg. Lane
Bethesda, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

I have a 1795 punct. date with pole 1/2¢ in VF Cond. Basic variety would be your C-4 or C-4 except for two exceptions the planchet is ~~thick~~ thick with 40% of the edge being "gripped" or "reeded". I would be glad to send you this coin if you wish to examine it or can you ~~inform~~ give me more info concerning this variety. I am a variety collector and student of the early 1/2¢ from 1793 thru 1797. I do have your book. My EAC # is 863

Thank you
Richard A Shimkus

Richard S. Shimkus
P. O. Box 71
Big Rock, IL 60511

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BETHESDA MD
20014

5/7/80

Mr Richard S. Shimkus
P.O. Box 71
Big Rock Ill 60511

Dear Mr Shimkus

No, I haven't forgotten your letter of 3/6/80 My employment Makes it so that it is Very difficult for Me to answer Correspondence between Janury 1 + May 1 of each year. A lot of People Need Tax Return during this Period.

I'm enclosing a copy of your letter to refresh your Memory. Certainly I would like to see the 1795 #4 which you Mention. When you send the coin send it Regestered Retun Reseept. I will return it to you within 3 days the same way.

Sincerely
Roger S Cohen Jr.

5/12/80

Dear Mr. Cohen

Enclosed is the 1795 ½¢ C-4 for your inspection. I would appreciate all the information you can give me on this coin. Upon looking at it further could it be from a cut down large cent or token?

I appreciate the time
you are taking
Thanks
Richard S Shimkus

P.S. Will you be updating your book shortly

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5/16/80

Mr Richard S. Shembers
P.O. Box 71
Big Rock Ill 60511

Dear Mr Shembers,

This Specimen is a normal 1795 Cohen #4 it weighs 85.5 Grains which is well within the Normal ~~Tolerance~~ Range for these Mint prepared Planchets

Condition wise this variety is very difficult to grade The obverse ~~[illegible]~~ ~~dies~~ die ~~are~~ is Notoriously Weak ~~die~~ due to Wear. Consequently ~~[illegible]~~ I grade the Coin as a VF-30 as to Wear However It has been damaged subsequent to its Coinage. The Coin is bent, This shows Particularly on the reverse between O of OF and the First A of AMERICA. There is damage at the above Named Places. The Mark below the fraction I do not believe to be damage but a defect in the Manufacture of the Planchet. The obverse is also damaged below the 5 of the date and R of LIBERTY is obliterated at what appears to be an attempted Puncture. I would grade the Coin overall as a Fine 12

The Marks on the rim appear to Me to be done subsequent to the Minting of the Coin. Probably by someone just tinkering I see No evidence of an undertype The Color of the planchet is ~~the~~ usual for this Variety, All in all I Consider your specimen to be what one would expect for this Variety.

The Idea of "updating" My book has occurred to Me. As a Collection of Half Cents Perhaps you can ~~State~~ Write to Me and let Me know what changes you would want to see in an "update"

Sincerely
Roger S Cohen Jr.

COND 4

550

5/5/81 3/45 pm

5/15
TO
BOY

Richard Shimkus
will be in Office until 4 pm. today
312-892-0202 x 218
at Home on Wednesday 312-556-3670
Remind you to send the 1794
1/2 Cent C-8 for his examination
for possible purchase, what are you asking
- P.O. Box 71 -
Big Rock, Ill. 60511

TO: RICHARD [illegible]

FROM:
ROGER S. COHEN, JR., P. A.
Certified Public Accountants
~~POST OFFICE BOX [illegible]~~
4701 SANGAMORE ROAD
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20016
Phone: (301) 229-7700

MESSAGE

SUBJECT 1794 #8

DATE 5/8/81

FOLD

As I stated on the phone regarding the Cent [illegible] the increase in rarity to about 4% [illegible] for the variety. The [illegible] from the 2nd [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. This coin has been [illegible] Toned. The edge letters does Not seem to be what she went FOR A. The type of error is Not uncommon.

The Price is 550 — The variety is Now a High R-5 with about 40 specimens Known to Me. Most are in low grade

SIGNED Roger

5/16/81

WANT LIST

RICHARD S SHIMKUS
P.O. BOX 71
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Half Cents in a pleasing FINE or better condition. Varieties according to Cohen (C) and Gilbert (G)

1794 C-1B
1794 C-2B
HAVE VG-10
~~1794 C-3A G-7~~
1794 C-3B
1794 C-4B
~~1794 C-5A~~ HAVE VG-8
1794 C-5B
HAVE VG-10
~~1794 C-6A~~ BUT GRANDULAR

1794 C-6B
HAVE G-8 PORUS
~~1794 C-7~~ G-2
HAVE G-4 (YOURS)
~~1794 C-8~~ G-3
1795 C-2B G-8
1795 C-6B
1796 C-1/G-2 GOOD or better must be clean planchet with all devices clear
1797 C-3B G-1
~~1797 C-3C~~ HAVE FAIR

Half Dollars in a pleasing FINE or better condition

1794 I collect these by variety attributed to Overton (need most of these)